

Church Security Camera System and Sanctuary Lighting

New Windows and Doors for St. Andrew's, Old Blue Cafeteria

1. St. Mary's will use your donations for an indoor/outdoor eight camera recording security system in church for our safety, security and protection 24/7 and also to improve the lighting above the sanctuary altar area in church.
2. The other project we need your help with donations is for the replacement of the windows and doors on what is known as St. Andrew's, the old blue cafeteria.

The History: In the early 1900s, a settlement began to develop around the lumber mill of the Bowie Lumber Company, which took the name of Bowie. The Catholic residents of Bowie appealed to Rev. George Andree' to build a chapel. The chapel was completed and ultimately blessed in 1915 under the invocation of St. Andrew.

A tragic fire destroyed the Bowie Lumber Company on May 24, 1917 causing the town to be abandoned. Rev. Eugene Livoreil decided there was an opportunity to open a school for the parish by utilizing this building. The Pastor and trustees of St. Mary's Church requested permission to transfer St. Andrew Chapel building onto our grounds. The request was granted—and the building was sent by barge here. The school opened on September 4, 1917. The school was short-lived due to declining enrollment and was discontinued in 1924. The building was then transformed for use as a parish hall and served in that capacity for 35 years. In 1960, Rev. Sebastian Arjonilla renovated the hall for use as a school cafeteria. The present St. Mary's Nativity School opened in 1961, and continues to serve the parish in the present day. 100 years after its construction, the St. Andrew building is still utilized by the school and parish.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we need your help. You can donate by using iGiveCatholic.org online, or putting your donation using the iGiveCatholic envelopes in the collection basket in church. **Thank you** for your generous support and God bless.